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DE-STRESS FOR FINALS

The First-Year Experience is planning a pre-finals study break. Students will have a chance to play with cats and dogs for a short break. You are invited to bring your cat or dog Monday, April 14, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Centennial one lounge. If you would be willing to share your pet, e-mail joanna.marek@wartburg.edu by April 11.

MEAL ALERT

An alternate meal during the dinner hour will take place at Players Theatre Thursday.

SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED

Support staff is needed for the Wartburg Select Track Meet Saturday. Please e-mail Marcus Newsom at marcus.newsom@wartburg.edu if you are able to help.

GRADUATING SENIORS

Commencement tickets will be available at the info desk starting today. Tickets are provided to assure that seniors' guests have equal access to commencement if the weather forces the ceremony to be moved indoors to Knights Gymnasium. Each graduating senior is entitled to six general admission tickets. If unable to pick up your tickets, contact Karen Funk at Ext. 8286 requesting that your tickets be sent to you. No tickets are needed if the ceremony is outside; you may have as many guests as you wish.

QUICK FACTS

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

April 8, 1935, Congress approved the Works Progress Administration, part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "new deal."

April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run, breaking Babe Ruth's record of 714. Aaron ended his career with 755 home runs and still holds the career home runs record.



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ALMOST FINISHED—Seniors Sally Simons (front) and Josiah Goldammer work on their research project for Biology 456 Student Research Thursday. They electronically stimulated the brains of rats to measure changes in heart rate and blood pressure.

Research reaches final stage

By SARA MONSON
Senior Writer

Nearly 40 seniors on campus will be presenting their poster research projects in the Neumann Auditorium lobby at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Biology, math, computer science, chemistry, physics and engineering majors have been working on extensive research projects over the course of the last two years. Their work will be summarized and presented in poster form, and the students will be available for questioning and interaction.

Research has always been a required element of the previously mentioned majors. However, it wasn't until 1994 when Dr. Roy Ventullo, professor of biology, began at Wartburg that the current poster project began. Initially, the course was only a three-quarter credit in which students researched,

compiled information, wrote a paper and presented it all in one term. Also, there was no formal venue in which the students could present their research. They simply met with a faculty member to discuss their findings, and the project was complete.

Ventullo said he believed poster presentations were an important addition to the curriculum.

"Other areas on campus like choir and sports have forums in which they can present their work," Ventullo said. "I think with the presentations students buy into it more. It also gives students a forum to present their work and gives people a chance to see what they're doing."

Currently, the course is a 1.5 credit course that stretches the work across two terms. During the first term, the students choose a topic, research, talk with faculty and write a topic proposal. In the second term, professors

approve the projects and the students have the term to study it and compile it into a poster.

The posters are made in PowerPoint using an oversized slide format. The two-page posters are then printed and laminated together so they can be displayed with ease. Visitors to the forum can select which topics interest them and in turn discuss and question the students who created the posters.

Ventullo says that poster presentations are commonplace at corporate settings and conventions. He feels this opportunity will give students a taste of what goes on in the real world.

"Research is what scientists do," Ventullo said. "They need to know how to gather facts and apply them. It's similar to the experience

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May Term trips unaffected by war—so far

By BECCA ANDERSEN
Assistant Section Editor

Students will board planes and fly to the far corners of the world. Nine international May Term courses are traveling to eight different countries.

According to the Global and Multicultural Studies office, students will travel to Mexico, the British Isles, Slovakia, Guyana and Trinidad, Australia, Honduras and Quebec, Canada. Two different groups will be traveling to Germany.

Since the war in Iraq began,

there have been some concerns as to whether or not students will still travel. With the exception of the course originally scheduled to go to Paris, which will now travel to Quebec, there have been no changes in itineraries.

According to Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, the number of trips going from colleges across the country has not been as greatly affected as some might think.

"More trips to Southeast Asia have been cancelled because of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, than because of the

war in Iraq," Menzel said.

Students have mixed feelings about safety concerns related to travel.

Junior Brooke Trent, who is traveling to Germany with Dr. Daniel Walther for HI 320 Investigating Germany's Past, has some concerns about traveling.

"With the increased security and anti-American sentiments in many countries, I think many people are worried about their safety," Trent said. "I think this worry will change the attitude of many students in regards to traveling abroad."

Tammy Anderson, a sopho-

more communication arts major traveling to Eisenach, Germany, has opposite views.

"I'm not nervous," Anderson said. "I don't think the college would put us in a dangerous situation. Eisenach itself is not a very intimidating place as far as anti-American sentiments because not only are we from Wartburg and have the sister city connection, but from what I've heard they are very excited for us to come, and I don't think the war will change that."

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A college of which church?

By MATT TOWNSLEY
Columnist

"Wartburg College, a nationally recognized four-year liberal arts college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, challenges and nurtures students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning," reads the Wartburg home page. Every Wartburg College student has heard the mission statement dozens of times. What may not be known by many is that the "faith and learning" link claims "...we...are unapologetic about our identity as a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America." Is Wartburg truly a college of the church? Every time I attend chapel or Eucharist, I deliberate over this exact question.

One may hypothesize that a college of the ELCA would follow the ELCA doctrine. After a little research, I found the Confession of Faith to read, "This church confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe." To me, this is plain as day paralleling a famous Biblical



text, John 14:6 (NKJV) "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" If I'm not mistaken, traditional Evangelical Lutheran doctrine says the only way to eternal life is through Jesus Christ.

While attending Campus Ministry functions this academic year, I have repeatedly been distraught by the absence of Christ-centered proclamations. During a service celebrating Holy Communion, a verse and prayer from a different religion was presented by those leading. Likewise a student attending chapel this year may have heard a Wartburg employee denounce the Christian faith and speak of a transition to a new and more meaningful religious understanding through loyalty to a savior other than Jesus Christ. Wartburg claims to not apologize for its affiliation with the ELCA, a denomination that teaches salvation to those who put their trust in Jesus Christ, yet allows something other than the truth to be mentioned in weekly chapel where students come to be spiritually nurtured.

Learning about other religions in an educational setting is a fair and beneficial act, however this should be separated from college sponsored ministry opportunities. A "college of the church" should promote the beliefs it was

founded on. Wartburg has Lutheran pastors, Lutherans on the Board of Regents, even professors educated in Lutheran canon, yet it seems as though the fundamental Lutheran view is as rare as love for our Norwegian friends in Decorah.

Whenever this topic is brought up, the word "tolerance" wiggles its way into the conversation. I sincerely believe the college can "tolerate" having students with diverse beliefs on campus without compromising and ignoring vital Lutheran beliefs. It is as simple as preaching the Gospel and glorifying God in all we do, while allowing all other religions to continue their dialogues outside the house of God.

I am not Lutheran, but 100 percent agree that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior and that by believing in Him salvation is possible. Furthermore, I agree with the following declaration from the ELCA's Statement of Purpose, "To participate in God's mission, this church shall: ...Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ..." I pray that spreading the truth and Gospel of Jesus Christ is the purpose of Wartburg College in the future.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Despite the world's current turmoil, we felt we could still trust in the safety of Wartburg and the open-mindedness of its students.

That trust was broken last week.

For the past two weeks we have displayed newspaper clippings and political cartoons on our room door in an effort to peacefully convey our views about our government's involvement in the war with Iraq. While some people may obviously disagree with the sentiments the articles suggest, we have refrained from putting up material that would be deliberately offensive to others.

Two acts of vandalism this past week have forced us to realize that, although we would like to believe that Wartburg's students are mature enough to respectfully disagree with what others say, in reality, some are not.

On two separate occasions, our door has been defaced and someone has attempted to rip down our articles. One of the messages scrawled on our door stated, "If you hate America, get the hell out."

Obviously, these persons did not take the time to read our articles or the Constitution of the United States of America to figure out that we do love our country and have a right to express concern for our nation.

We would like to tell those involved in these shameful acts to please think about your actions. Yes, you also have freedom of speech, as you told us in one of your "messages." However, freedom of speech does not cover the destruction of other people's property.

Jessica Nystel '06

Sarah Guhl '06

Leah Hullinger '06

To the Editor:

Thank you and Congratulations:

My thanks to the many students and to the faculty and staff who walked in Waterloo on a chilly Saturday morning in the Walk as One sponsored by the Iowa Region of the National Conference for Community and Justice. The Walk as One is a national fundraiser that brings participants together in the fight against bias, bigotry and racism.

This was the first such walk sponsored in Waterloo, and the Wartburg contingent, dressed in bright orange t-shirts, was by far the largest and most spirited walking group. A special thanks to Stephanie Newsom who chaired the Wartburg planning committee, to all the committee members and to the walkers who joined the walk for community justice. It was an impressive sight.

This past weekend at the Leadership and Service Recognition program and at this Tuesday's Convocation a number of students will be recognized for their accomplishments and achievements. I want to thank all of them and the many other Wartburg students who give of themselves through leadership, service and scholarship to make this such a wonderful community. You have done well, and you make us all very proud!

Lex Smith

Dean of Students

Media taints 'real war'

By JUSTIN KADER
Columnist

Albert Camus said "The evil that is in the world almost always comes of ignorance, and good intentions may do as much harm as malevolence, if they lack understanding."

At the opening of the 21st century, as we wage war on a people whom we don't see, hear, or understand, we would do well to listen to French existentialist Camus in his reflections after World War I.

Our government claims we are fighting this war for the sake of the American people in the name of national security and for the sake of Iraqi people in the name of democracy.

However, the forceful exertion of such "virtues" on a people that did not ask for our assistance is, and will continue to be, devastating.

Unlike Camus, who lived through battles on his homefront, our population has not experienced conflict within our nation's borders, and many have not even experienced war overseas. Without experience, it is difficult to comprehend the realities of war.

The mainstream media adds to American ignorance of the world outside its borders. It denies full, accurate coverage to international news. Part of the problem is a new element to wartime



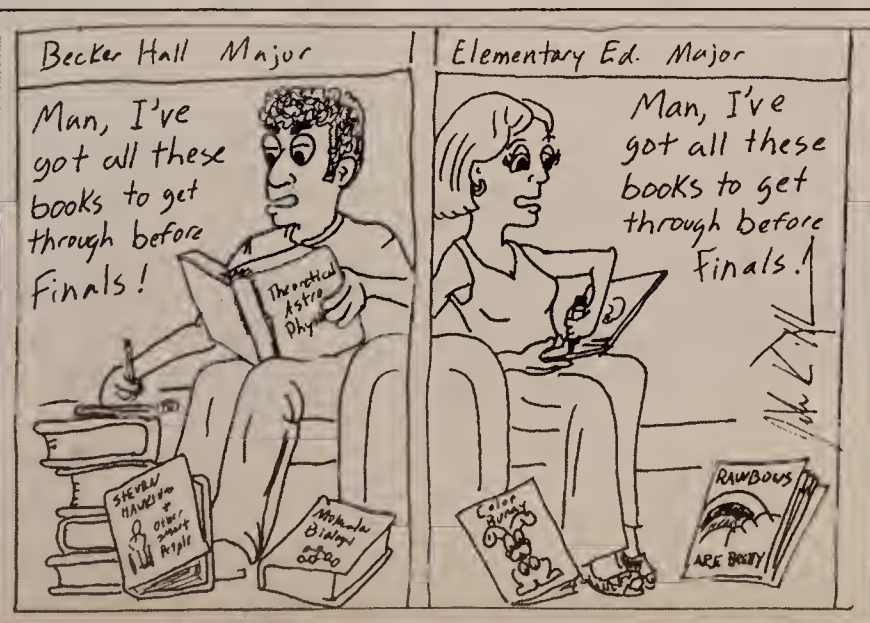
news coverage, "embedding," which assigns reporters to specific units. As Mark Hansen said in his article "Gartner Says War Coverage Not Too Insightful Anymore," "The worry here is that they won't just cover the troops. They'll also identify with them, rooting for them. They'll grow protective." The situation that embedding creates does not encourage objectivity.

Newspapers and news broadcasts worldwide show real images of warfare—casualties and deaths of both soldiers and civilians. The truth, the brutality of war is absent in America's sterile reporting. If the Iraqi people were not portrayed as statistics but rather living human beings with a rich, deep culture, then maybe the American people would not be so ignorant.

Some people here at Wartburg are going out of their way to further understand their Iraqi brothers and sisters. Through the fast arranged by Students for Peace and Justice, Amnesty International and Campus Ministry, about 400 faculty, staff, students and community members are taking time to form solidarity with all who are fighting in Iraq. All are welcome, whether fasting or not, to take time to reflect during the nightly candlelight vigils.

The controlled media is what makes American souls blind. Once we regain sight, we will see that we don't know the best interests for Iraq and its people.

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Waltmann to journey in new directions

By KATIE HARTMAN
Senior Writer

Dr. August "Augie" Waltmann, professor of mathematics, will retire this spring after teaching at Wartburg College for 24 years.

A 1964 Wartburg graduate, Waltmann began teaching on campus in 1969. He has made a number of positive contributions to the campus, the math department and his students. He said his experience at Wartburg has been exciting and rewarding and

Waltmann has enjoyed helping develop a variety of programs at Wartburg, including the elementary math methods course. This course offered math education students the first opportunity to take part in a field experience and teach elementary students at all grade levels. Waltmann also developed the Math 90 course. Before this course became a formal credit course at Wartburg, Waltmann taught it on a volunteer basis.

Not only has Waltmann made contributions to the math department at Wartburg, but he has also been very involved in a number of other organizations on campus and in the Waverly community.

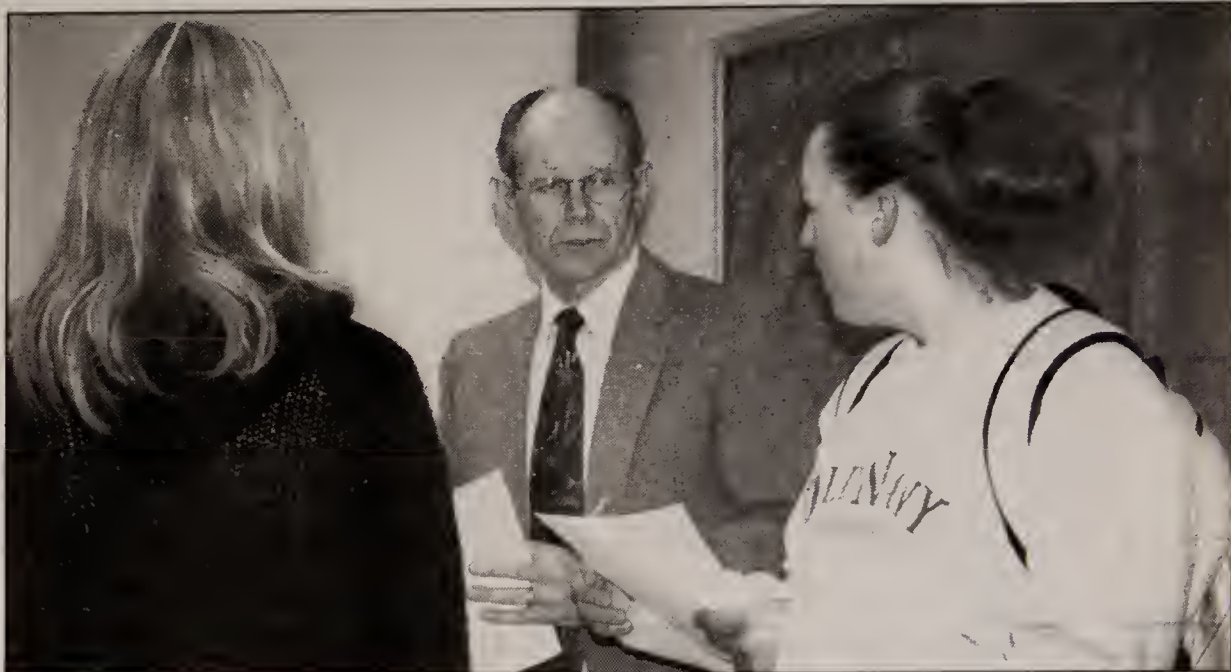
A three-time football letter winner, Waltmann served as a Wartburg football coach for seven years. In the '70s Waltmann helped to organize events for the first black history week on campus, and he also served as a college representative for a Waverly committee that was committed to increasing cultural awareness.

Waltmann enjoys his profession and the Wartburg environment.

"I enjoy teaching," he said. "It has been interesting to see how we've (Wartburg) grown."

Waltmann enjoys attending chapel and worshipping with students and colleagues. He also particularly enjoys being an adviser for math students and working in the classroom.

"I am not tired of teaching," Waltmann said. "But my



Jessica Pfeiffer/TRUMPET

MATHEMATICIAN—Dr. Augie Waltmann, center, talks with two of his students, including freshman Paula Banowetz (right).

loss of hearing is beginning to interfere with the classroom."

It is now necessary for Waltmann to wear a microphone device in order to hear conversations, and this has made classroom interaction difficult.

"It is frustrating," Waltmann said. "I don't want to simply lecture to my students; I do not feel that is the way people should learn."

Because of his loss of hearing, Waltmann felt it would be best that he retire at the end of this school year.

After Wartburg, he plans to spend more time with his grandchildren and loved ones. He plans to stay busy with the Lions Club in Waverly and looks forward to helping build a garage for Habitat for Humanity.

Even though he will not be teaching next year, Waltmann still plans to stay active and involved on campus.

"I look forward to new directions," he said. "But Wartburg is in my family blood."

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Forensics team seventh at nationals

By CHRISSY BERLIN
Staff Writer

Members of the forensics team agree that forensics is a huge time commitment, but they have no regrets.

"I wouldn't really consider anything I have opted not to do a 'sacrifice,'" sophomore Erika Quade said. "It does take up a lot of time, and I am hardly ever here on weekends, but like I said, I wouldn't consider it a 'sacrifice.'"

The commitment of the team paid off March 29 when members took seventh place at the Pi Kappa Delta National Forensics Tournament in Baltimore, Md. Wartburg competed against 63 colleges and universities from all over the United States.

Three days of stiff competition left the team exhausted, but junior Hiliary Baethke

did not complain.

"There is nothing quite like being a national champion and being part of a nationally ranked team," she said.

Baethke won her division, but she put her team first.

"Nowhere in the world have I found a group of people who I could spend every waking moment of my life with and not get sick of them," Baethke said.

Two years ago the team was state champion but did not get ranked nationally. This year it did both. Baethke won in Communication Analysis and took fourth in Program Oral Interpretation, ninth in Dramatic Interpretation and 17th in Persuasive Speaking. Quade took second in Informative Speaking, seventh in Poetry and 17th in Dramatic Duo. Freshman Tiffany Flowers finished third in Poetry and

25th in Prose. Junior Emily Stoltman placed 31st in Prose. Sophomore Jacob Rapp placed 22nd in Impromptu. Freshman Peter Brylinke finished 17th in Dramatic Duo with Quade.

Forensic's first trip to Pi Kappa Delta nationals was two years ago in Boise, Idaho. Last year Baethke went to the American Forensics Association nationals, but the team did not go. The Pi Kappa Delta only holds the national competition every two years, so this was only the second team trip to nationals in Dr. Penni Pier's third year as forensics team coach.

"I am extremely proud of this team," Pier said. "They have shown a commitment to excellence and have had success that is unparalleled in the history of this program."

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Tune in Monday live at 8 p.m. when we draw our winner for a DVD player!

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44 HOURS AND COUNTING—

Members of the band Exit Drills play Friday night in Liemohn Choral and Recital Hall as part of KWAR's 89.1-hour marathon, which started Thursday at midnight. Spin Spin Coupling and Echo 3, and other area bands, also played.

Nikki Schmidt/
TRUMPET



Students, faculty to be honored Tuesday

By KACY BURG
Senior Writer

Faculty and students will be honored at the Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship Convocation at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Neumann Auditorium.

Dr. Patrick Langan, assistant professor of business administration, will be awarded the John O. Chellevoid Student Award for Excellence in Teaching and Professional Service and will give the convocation address.

The award was determined by student nominations and voting.

"It's an honor to have won this award," Langan said. "I would say that there are 101 deserving faculty on this campus, so to win the award is really thrilling."

His convocation address is titled "The Joy of Teaching and Learning."

"I will talk about my views of the learning process and teaching process," he said. "The underlying theme will be that learning is a life-long endeavor."

He said he will discuss the importance of getting to know and understand students and their different styles of learning.

"You have to treat students like human beings," he said. "You have to get beyond the constructs and statistics and graphs and forms to understand the human being on the other side of the learning process. You have to understand your students and understand that everyone learns differently."

Tuesday's convocation will also honor the student-awarded outstanding adviser, Gloria Campbell, associate professor of business administration and economics.

Campbell said she is flattered to have received the award, and she thinks advising is important for professors and students.

"It's an honor," she said. "A lot of the advising I do is done informally, and some of the most rewarding is working with the Essential Education requirements."

Dean's honors cords, international scholarships and departmental awards for outstanding seniors will also be awarded at the convocation.

Thefts in FAC still unsolved

By TINA HINZ
Staff Writer

Neither Wartburg security nor the Waverly police have received any leads related to the attempted and successful thefts in the Fine Arts Center two weeks ago.

A television was almost stolen from Room 213 during the early morning hours of Friday, March 21. Later that weekend, a DVD player, VCR, cassette player and receiver were stolen from Room 43, a music therapy classroom in the basement of the FAC. These items had been used the preceding Friday and were reported missing Monday, March 24.

According to John Myers, director of Wartburg security, the television was secured, but the rest of the equipment was not.

"There was nothing broken and no witnesses, but the police has the serial and model numbers, which go into a nationwide database with other stolen property," Myers said.

Pawnshops are required to submit the serial numbers of their equipment. If those match any on the database, police can find out who signed to get money for the pawned goods.

"If stolen for personal use, we may never get anything back," Myers noted. "Of reported thefts at Wartburg, a very low percent go unsolved—probably less than 10 percent."

Classrooms are typically locked at 12:30 a.m., but FAC faculty and staff have proposed that some classrooms be locked as early as 10 p.m.

Class schedules and practice times are still being discussed

to determine whether or not closing the rooms early is an option.

Myers said very little has been reported stolen from academic buildings this year, but stolen items have included the Wartburg flags from a wall in the CTC, an orange candy bowl from the info desk and a microphone from the music office. In addition, students commonly report thefts of bicycles, cash from dorms and car CD players.

Myers also recalled two years ago when computer components like the memory or processor were stolen from campus labs.

"Anything's possible," he added. "I encourage students to lock their doors when they're gone and when they are in their rooms sleeping."

Students should know the serial numbers of their electronics so items can be identified if Wartburg security or the police find something on or off campus.

He recommends that any suspicious person on campus be reported to security in addition to any unlocked areas that should be locked. Physical description and vehicle license plates of suspects are always helpful.

Students are encouraged to come into the security office to look at the college's crime log. Federal law requires that every incident reported to security be published in a logbook that is open to the public. Locations, times and general descriptions of what happened are documented.

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A couch in the Bathroom?

April Fools' Day!

Love, Grossmann 318.

Pathways rebuilds resources, Web site

By NATE KERL
Assistant Section Editor

After a career that has led him to four states, Derek Solheim '93, Pathways Center Career Services assistant, says "it's nice to be back."

Solheim has been busy in his first year at Wartburg. As a part of reworking the visibility of Career Services, Solheim has rebuilt student resources.

"One of our main goals is to increase and bring students back into the Career Services office," Solheim said. "I've talked with Senate, been in classes and have been working on existing and new resources."

Solheim emphasizes that the office is a resource office, not a placement office.

"We teach students the skills to self-manage their careers, whether that is a current student or an alumnus who has been in the workforce for 10 years," he said.

The resource library has been redone, and Solheim has been on the road networking with at least 100 employers at career fairs.

"We realize a number of our students will end up in the Cedar Valley, Des Moines or Cedar Rapids areas, so we've been making contacts there," Solheim said.

In the future, the Minneapolis/St. Paul region, Rochester, Minn., and Sioux Falls, S.D., areas are being considered as markets to target for job connections.

One of those resources includes updates to the Career Services Web site with a full unveiling scheduled for May Term.

Career Services has also purchased a number of online programs, such as mon-

ster.com's InternTrak and graduatejobs.com, which allow users to make connections for jobs, internships and graduate schools. One that Solheim highlights is Internships-USA, which offers more than "2,800 internship sites across the country."

"It's a networking source, and anyone can enter information about themselves and come up with maybe 85 different options or openings across the country," Solheim said. "We've also been really pushing internships for students, such as Wartburg West, the San Bernadino program and anything with GMCS."

Solheim noted that employability is often related with work experience.

"There is still a need for strong academic background and then work experience showing that the students can apply what they have learned," Solheim said. "That's what employers tell us they are looking for."

Solheim also noted that employers are seeking students with good backgrounds in technology and experience in several areas of campus life.

"Be involved, but be wary of working in any one area, such as through a leadership role," Solheim said.

Most of all, Solheim advises students to be proactive when looking for graduate school or career resources.

"We are here to help, but also students need to know that they need to reach out to us," Solheim said. "The things you do now really affect your employability when you leave."

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BRISK WALK—Mary Dorman, office coordinator in Communication and Marketing, takes her dog on the "Walk as One" fund raiser with the Wartburg group Saturday to promote diversity programming.

Seniors realize benefits of research

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you may have at work. Knowing how to present material is important, for any major."

Students participating in the presentations feel the work has helped them to better understand what they may experience after graduation.

"It was a new experience," said senior Ryan Winters. "It allowed us to do research in a manner that is similar to the scientific community. I thought the experience was worthwhile, and I am looking forward to seeing what everyone came up with."

Senior Tara Bruck also felt the project was beneficial.

"The project was very time-consuming, but a great learning experience," Bruck said. "Throughout my years at Wartburg I have read many journal articles, but I never real-

ized the extent of time and research that goes into them."

Ventullo hopes the project will evolve in upcoming years.

"Eventually, I hope it expands to other departments. It's not just for the sciences. I've seen presentations in history, women's studies and even music. It's a great way to celebrate undergraduate study."

Because of limited space in the Neumann lobby, expansion of the project is not yet feasible. However, when the ballroom is finished in the student union, Ventullo hopes other majors can collaborate in the event. Some students will even present their findings at a national meeting during finals week.

"It's going to turn out to be pretty good," Ventullo said. "I learn a lot, and it's an interesting experience."

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Manna to raise hunger awareness

By CHELSEA KROHE
Staff Writer

Manna, a proposed new faith expression group, met Wednesday to plan activities for the next year.

The concept of Manna, a biblical reference to the food that Abraham and the Israelites ate in the desert, originated after freshmen Seth Clarkson and Laura Holzrichter and junior Nate Kerl listened to a presentation given by Tammy Walhof in chapel. Walhof, a regional organizer for the Bread of the World organization, encourages students to take service and turn it into justice, according to Manna adviser Barbara Truesdale.

Clarkson said that after chapel, the three talked to Walhof about forming a hunger awareness group on campus, with help from Bread for the World.

During the meeting

Wednesday, the group watched a short video on hunger and brainstormed ideas for the coming school year. One group member pointed out that it is too late in the year to get anything started, although it was decided that Manna would help Habitat for Humanity with its annual Habifest.

Manna also discussed sponsoring an Offering of Letters, which would give Wartburg students the chance to write and sign letters to the Bush administration asking to make sure the full amount of money allotted to helping hunger is used. The group will set a date for the Offering of Letters at its next meeting.

For now, Manna is planning to write a constitution to submit to the Campus Ministry Board and possibly Student Senate to be officially recognized as a campus group.

Next year, the group wants to get more students involved as well as work together with similar existing groups on campus to help people be aware of and understand hunger.

The goal is to make sure that the problem of hunger "is well represented on campus," Truesdale said.

Manna will participate in the Involvement Fair next fall to spark interest, Clarkson said.

Members want students to see Manna as a place for all students to learn about hunger and more than a faith expression group.

Manna intends to fulfill its goal through its mission statement: "to raise awareness of hunger and homelessness issues in our local community, nation, and world, and then respond actively."

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DRAWING BOARD

Sophomore's 'doodlings' turn into published illustrations

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By KELLY DOTSON
Assistant Section Editor

If Kari Schwartz had listened to the advice of "don't doodle on the job," she may not be the published illustrator she is today.

Last summer, the Wartburg sophomore art education major was a door greeter at Sam's Club in Eau Claire, Wis., when her art talent was unexpectedly discovered.

A patron noticed her doodlings while she was greeting customers. He was so impressed by her work that he asked her to interview to be an illustrator with his book company, KinderSpeak.

Schwartz showed up to the interview but was intimidated and left before it was her turn. But KinderSpeak was persistent. Later that week, the same man who discovered her at Sam's Club asked her again to come in for an interview.

The second time, she went through with it and left with a job.

KinderSpeak's primary market is in after-school programs for young children. Schwartz signed a contract to illustrate a

series of five books that are designed to teach 2- to 9- year-olds how to speak a foreign language. Each book is published in five languages: Spanish, French, German, Japanese and Chinese.

She has already completed the first two books in the series, "My Day" and "Face to Face." These can be found in bookstores across the nation and will soon be available at Wartburg's bookstore.

"My Day" is illustrated with scenes of a typical day of a child. "Face to Face" is filled with faces depicting children's various moods. Schwartz has also illustrated a set of flashcards and a CD-ROM to go with the books.

Within the next month Schwartz will receive the words for the third book in the series. Once she receives the story, she has about one month to complete the illustrations and send them back to KinderSpeak.

Schwartz, a native of Chippewa Falls, Wis., has had a love for art since she was little.

"I used to get in trouble a lot when I was younger because I kept drawing on the walls," she said.

She later turned this habit into a job in high school by painting windows for local businesses.

She also volunteered her talent by painting a mural of Chippewa Falls on a graffiti-covered retaining wall in town.

Schwartz draws or paints at least three hours every day, explaining that it's just like practicing an instrument.

"I like the fascination drawing brings to my life," she said. "It's my talent that I can share, and it gives me freedom of expression."

With a love for different media, her latest flare has been abstract painting with unusual materials such as mud and coffee. She also likes to paint on different materials like furniture, walls and even trash.

"My favorite medium is probably painting because you can feel the texture—that's why I like to paint with my fingers," she said.

In the future, Schwartz hopes to teach art while illustrating books on the side. Her third book in the series is due out late this summer.

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Schwartz usually spends about three hours every day drawing or painting.

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This illustration by sophomore Kari Schwartz appears in one of her books, currently on sale throughout the nation.

Rocky start to conference opener

By LANCE RIDATH
Sports Writer

Off to a shaky Iowa Conference start, the Wartburg baseball team looks to improve on this week's performance. Two days after the Knights' pitching staff got roughed up against a stingy Upper Iowa University club, Mother Nature stepped in and ruined a possible comeback party against Buena Vista University.

Thursday, co-defending IAC champ Upper Iowa rode into Waverly with an upset on its mind, and it didn't take the team long to get rolling. Peacock right fielder James Scherf hit a three-run homer in the top of the first to put the Knights in an early hole. On the very next at bat, designated hitter Brad Baker cranked one over the fence to make it a 4-0 lead.

Things cooled down until the bottom of the third when the Wartburg bats came alive. Senior left fielder Ryan Mix hit a two-run bomb to put the home team within a run. Two batter later, junior second baseman Casey Toops tied things up with an RBI double. The scoring rally was capped off when senior shortstop Jay Whannel, who led off the inning, doubled home two runs and gave the Knights a 7-4 lead after three.

Heading into the final frame, Wartburg saw itself trailing 13-9. The Knights couldn't come up with the big hit despite having the bases loaded twice. Senior pitcher Chris Goerdt got tagged with the 13-12 defeat.

Wartburg bounced back in the second contest by taking advantage of several Peacock and jumping out to an early 8-0 lead after three innings.

Freshman starter Ryan Moorman allowed just one run in six and two-thirds innings. However, that last out wouldn't come easy. The Peacocks ripped off seven unearned runs in the final stanza to give the Knights a



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LAYING OUT—Wartburg senior right fielder Kevin Huston dives for a fly ball Thursday against Upper Iowa University at Hertel Field. Huston collected four hits and scored five runs in the doubleheader. The Peacocks downed the Knights 13-12 in the first game, while Wartburg won the second game 12-8.

scare.

Luckily, junior reliever Steve Domino came in and struck out Upper Iowa's Justin Inskeep with the bases loaded to seal the deal 12-8.

The Knights converted eight Peacock errors into 11 unearned runs. Mix lead the team with two hits on three trips to the plate, including three RBIs, three runs scored and three stolen bases. Moorman picked up his third win of the season to put him at 3-1.

Unfortunately, falling temperature and snow forced college officials to postpone and, later, cancel Saturday's

doubleheader against the Beavers. The games will not be rescheduled.

Thursday's split with UIU puts Wartburg at 1-1 in the conference and 17-5-1 overall. The Knights will regroup to take on Cornell College in a doubleheader at home Wednesday before traveling to Indianola on Sunday to play Simpson College in a twinbill. Wednesday's games begin at 3:30 p.m. while Sunday's first pitch is slated for 1 p.m.

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Weekend road trip completed, home invite next on list

By NICK PETAROS
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Rebounding from a frustrating season-opener, the Wartburg men's golf team was able to get back in the swing of things last weekend.

Freshman Kevin Ault carded a five-under-par 66 earning medallist honors and leading the Knights to a third-place finish Thursday at the Fighting Scot Invitational in Monmouth, Ill. Ault finished three strokes ahead of runner-up Cody Flatt of

St. Ambrose for the top individual honor, becoming the first Wartburg spring tournament medallist since 2000.

In addition to Ault, junior brothers Dan and Andy Schmitz contributed to the cause shooting rounds of 76 to tie for 14th. Junior Shaun Guyer fired a 77 finishing in a four-way tie for 17th.

"Our guys came back and played the way we needed to after a rough opener," head coach Mark Franzen said.

With a team score of 295, Wartburg finished just a shot back of tournament co-champions St. Ambrose and Loras College.

Tournament host Monmouth College was 14 shots behind the rest of the field finishing in a tie for fifth place.

After a successful day at Monmouth, the Knights traveled to Augustana for their final tournament of the weekend.

The Wartburg team carded team scores of 307 and 309 Friday and Saturday, respectively, finishing tied with Simpson College for seventh place in the 18-team field.

Andy Schmitz turned in the low score on the team with a 36-hole score of 151 finishing 16th overall.

Ault and Dan Schmitz carded pair of

154's, good for a 31st-place finish. Guyer and sophomore Alan Johnson rounded out the team scoring shooting 158 and 162, respectively.

The Knights will hit the links again tomorrow as they travel to Dubuque for the Loras Invitational before hosting the Wartburg Invite Friday and Saturday at the Waverly Municipal Golf Course and Centennial Oaks Golf Course.

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ROADBLOCK—Wartburg junior catcher Heather Winter awaits a throw and sets herself up to tag out Simpson's Michelle Montgomery during Thursday's doubleheader with the Storm in Waverly. No. 2-ranked Simpson won both games at Lynes Field.

Close affairs in home openers

By COREY ARNDT
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Wartburg pushed past Coe College Sunday to come away with a pair of close wins in a doubleheader at Lynes field. The Knights (18-6 overall, 2-2 IIAC) shut out the Kohawks 3-0 in the first game and 2-1 in an extra-inning second game.

Wartburg was led by senior first baseman Kathy Voss who finished the day 3-for-4 with two home-runs and four RBIs. Voss's three-run shot in the third inning were the only runs scored in game one. Senior pitcher Steph Rasmussen came away with the win, improving her record to 10-3 on the season.

Game two proved to be more of a battle for the Knights. Wartburg had a chance to win in the bottom of the seventh with the bases loaded when junior designated hitter Heather Winter hit a line drive to left field. But a diving catch by Coe's Holly Zimmerman ended the inning.

Wartburg pulled through in the bottom of the eighth, scoring on a passed ball with the bases loaded. Senior third baseman Emily Mangin was 2-for-4 in the win and junior pitcher Kelly Watkins improved her record to 6-3 on the season.

"We played well despite the weather, and we didn't make it an issue," Rasmussen said. "We had great defense and offense all around."

Wartburg put up a fight Thursday against defending conference champion Simpson College in the Knights' home and conference opener. The No. 2-ranked Storm edged out the Knights, ending their 10-game winning streak with a pair of one-run wins, winning 8-7 in game one and 4-3 in the nightcap.

"It was a good fight but also frustrating because of how it ended," Rasmussen said. "We were right up there with them and that says a lot about our

program."

Wartburg had many opportunities to take over the lead in both games with multiple runners left in scoring position. The Knights were trailing 6-3 in game two with the bases loaded and one out when the game was called because of darkness. The game score was then returned to the last completed inning, ending the game 4-3. The outcome was similar to last year's doubleheader against Simpson when the game was called because of darkness, and Wartburg was given the win.

Despite going .500 for the week, head coach Rick Willis is pleased with the play of his team.

"We're doing a really good job battling in every game," Willis said. "It's been close with some tough games but our team is doing a good job of staying together."

A look at Wartburg's stats compared to its opponents' will show dominance in many categories. The Knights are hitting .311 as a team and limiting their opponents to only a .233 batting average. The pitching team of Rasmussen, Watkins, and sophomore Courtney Kowalke has combined for 126 strikeouts and a 1.77 ERA versus opponents striking out 82 and combined 4.04 ERA.

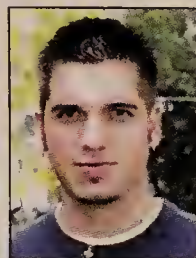
"We have a well-rounded team effort," Rasmussen said. "The freshman are playing well together and the seniors are doing a good job of leading the team."

A doubleheader against Loras College today at 3 p.m. will wrap up Wartburg's home stand. The Duhawks, coached by Wartburg alum Mary Jo Vrba, bring a 7-13 record to Lynes field. Wednesday, the Knights travel to Mt. Vernon for a doubleheader with Cornell College before playing host to the University of Dubuque Saturday.

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Heartwarming



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Saturday, in what has been the coldest day of the month so far, I witnessed some of the greatest athletic feats ever accomplished.

Despite the 20-something degree weather, I observed boys, girls, men and women of all ages gather for a day to have fun and compete against some of the best competition in eastern Iowa.

The athletes came from everywhere—Waverly to Cedar Rapids to Burlington and back—to compete in one of the most special athletic days of the year. They lined up and marched around the Coe College track during opening ceremonies, proudly sang along with the national anthem and recited their oath word for word.

These athletes are so special and well known they have become labeled by some people. They are Special Olympians. They are different. They are not like us.

No, they are not like us. They are much different. They compete for the love of their sport. They compete because it's a chance for them to shine and step into the spotlight. They compete because the size of their heart won't allow them not to.

If only the money-hungry professional athletes could witness such a wonderful spectacle, maybe they would realize that the extra half-million dollars really isn't worth holding out for. Merely having the ability and opportunity to do what you love should be enough of a reward.

These athletes are indeed Olympians in their own right, competing for a chance to participate in the Special Olympics of Iowa State Track and Field Meet May 22 in Ames. While much of the day was fun, many of the competitors were all business.

My younger brother, Tyler, who wheeled away with three first-place blue ribbons in three separate wheelchair races during the day, had a friend who riled himself up with a little too much excitement prior to his 25-meter wheelchair dash. His legs and arms tensed up so much he could barely get his chair moving.

Before Tyler's second race, I noticed him doing arm circles while lining up on the track. I asked what he was up to, and since it was so bitterly cold, he said "Staying loose, baby. Staying loose." And after he nearly had an asthma attack—not from the race itself, but from his post-race celebration—my mother and I had to inform him that yelling, "I dusted you," after crossing the finish line first isn't really promoting good sportsmanship.

In the midst of the excitement and athletic energy radiating from many of the non-athletic Special Olympians, I recognized many common clichés one would see at any other large sporting event. I saw athletes pushing themselves above and beyond what their bodies could actually handle. I saw athletes sweating, crying and bleeding. I heard cuss words every now and then in disappointment.

Most importantly, I saw smiles in every direction I turned. I saw champions embracing the competitors they beat. I had complete strangers coming up to me and showing off their prestigious ribbons like it was a necklace made of winning lottery tickets. Although the ribbons will be cherished, framed and put on display somewhere, it's the memories that will be savored forever.

Saturday was a day that I will never forget. I saw one man give up his blue ribbon to the runner-up because he said he had too many of them at home. I saw the most bizarre of photo finishes—two wheelchairs locking wheels and crossing the finish line together for a tie.

Not knowing whether to laugh or cry, I just took it all in. The cold weather and distinct smell that is Cedar Rapids were miniscule in the grand scheme of things. A joyous atmosphere surrounded all who attended the Special Olympics meet. Though my hands were numbing after an hour outside, the loving warmth that spilled out of every athlete was enough to take my mind off the tingling in my fingertips.

I'm now eagerly awaiting Wartburg's very own Special Olympics/Unified Sports Day May 3.

I consider myself extremely blessed to have been part of such an extraordinary day where the most amazing feats accomplished seemed so ordinary. Not that I like to compare myself with the Grinch in any way, but I felt my heart grow three sizes that day.

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